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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EMIN, JM

SUBJECT: ALCOA SOUR ON JAMAICA (AGAIN)

1. ALCOA GENERAL MANAGER PAUL CROUCH MET WITH AMBASSADOR MARCH 11 TO EXPRESS HIS COMPANY'S DISAPPOINTMENT OVER RECENT ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOJ.

2. CROUCH SAID THAT ALCOA PRESIDENT KROME GEORGE WAS ENRAGED OVER GOJ'S RECENT AGREEMENT WITH KAISER COMPANY. KAISER SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH GOJ CALLING FOR 7 PERCENT BAUXITE LEVY WHEREAS ALCOA AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED LATE LAST YEAR CALLED FOR BAUXITE LEVY OF 7 1/2 PERCENT. ACCORDING TO CROUCH, THIS ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT WILL COST ALCOA 1.8 MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR. ALCOA WAS PARTICULARLY UPSET SINCE IT HAD TAKEN THE LEAD IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOJ AND HAD BEEN LED TO BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD SECURE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.

3. ACCORDING TO CROUCH, ALCOA OFFICIALS ARE ALSO UPSET OVER FAILURE OF GOJ TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ITS AGREEMENT CALLING FOR DUTY FREE
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IMPORT PRIVILEGES FOR ALCOA MACHINERY. MUCH OF THIS EQUIPMENT IS NOW BEING HELD UP AT THE DOCKS AWAITING CUSTOMS CLEARANCES. CROUCH OPINED THAT CAUSE FOR THIS PROBLEM MOST LIKELY BUREAUCRATIC MISDIRECTION RATHER THAN GOJ ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE AGREEMENT.

4. UPSHOT OF ALCOA'S DISPLEASURE IS GEORGE'S
STATED COMMITMENT TO "NOT INVEST ANOTHER PENNY IN
THIS PLACE".
GERARD

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